



**DEPARTMENT FOR CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT**

**LETTER CIRCULAR**

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**Action Required:** X **Ref:** DCM 29/2007  
**To:** All Heads of Secondary/ Higher Secondary Schools (State & Non-State)  
and Sections  
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**Subject:** School Competition Commemorating GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI

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On the occasion of the celebrations commemorating the Bicentennial of the birth of GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI (4/7/1807 – 2/6/1882), the Education Division, through the Department for Curriculum Management, in collaboration with the Italian Embassy and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, is launching a competition for all Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

The main objective of the competition is to encourage and enhance students' skills in private and collaborative research and collegial activities which shall offer students enriching experiences through working with companions under the guidance of their teachers of Italian.

Teachers of Italian are requested to encourage their students to research the life of Giuseppe Garibaldi and, together with their students, organise an exhibition which celebrates their students' efforts. Schools could also take the initiative of organising a play in which the personality of Giuseppe Garibaldi features prominently. Another suggestion could be partnering with an Italian school to generate data and ideas and organise the final exhibition.

It is suggested that teachers and students make profitable use of the website <http://www.garibaldi200.it> for their research.

Any school wishing to participate in this competition should complete the attached form which is to be signed by the Head of School. The Italian department within a school should preferably participate as a whole but a particular group or even an individual teacher can represent it. In any case, it is the school which will be declared the winner. The Organising Committee would also like to encourage applications from schools who choose to work together and present a joint project: this applies mostly to schools which are part of established Colleges. Such initiatives can only enhance networking partnerships among our schools.

The projects will be judged on the following criteria: presentation, organisation at school level, teacher and learner output, imparting of knowledge, skills and attitudes towards the research carried out by the students, innovative approaches, and the use of multi-media and/or ICT.

Exhibitions of students' works and research or any other project offered by the schools shall be visited by the adjudicating panel between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2007. It is, however, augured that the exhibitions be enjoyed for a longer period by the respective schools. The winning schools shall then be informed and the presentation of the prizes shall be held during an official ceremony on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Valletta.

All the participating schools will be awarded a certificate and special prizes will be given to the three schools with the best performances. The first prize is Lm200, the second is Lm150 and the third is Lm100 kindly donated by the Italian Ambassador, His Excellency, Dott. Paolo A. TRABALZA. The money shall be directed towards the improvement of teaching facilities in the department of Italian in the respective schools.

Schools wishing to participate are kindly asked to fill in the attached form and send it by post to:

GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI BICENTENARY,  
*Attn:* Mr Anthony M DEGABRIELE,  
Curriculum Centre  
Sarria Street  
Floriana FRN 1460

Alternatively, the form can be faxed directly to Mr DeGabriele on fax number: 25587212 or 21248691.

**The closing date for the receipt of these forms is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007.**

**Raymond J. Camilleri**  
**Director, Curriculum Management**

**PARTICIPATING FORM**

**GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

**Name of School/s:**

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**Contact Telephone/Fax/Email:**

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**The department of Italian is participating (please tick) as a**

**whole,**

**is nominating a particular teacher to represent it, namely:**

**Title of the project:**

**Project shall be**

**an exhibition of students' research and works**

**a play / a role-play**

**other**

**please describe very briefly**

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**Signature of Head/s of School and School Stamp/s**

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